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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Health Chairs
Medical Officers of Health and Associate Medical Officers of Health

Re: Amendments to the Ontario Public Health Standards – Disease-Specific Chapters of Appendix A and Provincial Case Definitions of Appendix B of the Infectious Diseases Protocol, 2013

I am writing to inform you of the following changes to the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS):

- A number of disease-specific chapters of Appendix A and provincial case definitions of Appendix B of the *Infectious Diseases Protocol* have been updated.

The changes were made by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (the ministry) and Public Health Ontario (PHO), based on input from public health units. All changes will come into effect immediately.

Changes were made to the disease-specific chapters of Appendix A and provincial case definitions of Appendix B of the *Infectious Diseases Protocol* for the following diseases:

- *Acute Flaccid Paralysis*
- *Amebiasis*
- *Cryptosporidiosis*
- *Gastroenteritis, Institutional Outbreaks*
- *Listeriosis*
- *Lyme Disease*
- *Respiratory Infection Outbreaks in Institutions*
- *Tuberculosis*

Changes were made to the following provincial case definition of Appendix B of the *Infectious Diseases Protocol*:

- *Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFIs)*
- *Giardiasis*

A summary of all changes is included in the *Document History* section that has been added to the disease-specific chapters of Appendix A and provincial case definitions of Appendix B.

The documents will be available through the OPHS website at the following link:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/pubhealth/oph_standards/ophs/infdispro.html

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The ministry and PHO will communicate further details regarding these changes to public health units via regular communications to ensure continued compliance with the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* and the OPHS.

I would like to express my thanks to you and your staff for your ongoing work in upholding the OPHS and Protocols to ensure the continued strength of the public health system in Ontario.

Yours truly,

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